

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

August 15, 2022

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Rob Martin, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Colin Earl, Holly Frische, Greg Meyers, Josh Palmer, Gary Pruitt, Jim Seebald.

Staff Present: Mayor Christina Muryn, Matt Stoffel, Lisa Mansfield, and Kathy Launder.

Guests: Jill Wagner, Downtown Findlay Improvement District; Grant Russel, Council; Jeff Wobser, Council; Randy Greeno, Council; Joseph Rowan, downtown building and business owner; Westley Jeffries, Hancock Regional Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the February 22, 2022, meeting, by Palmer, second by Meyers. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to accept minutes of the May 24, 2022, meeting, by Meyers, second by Palmer. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Benching Phase II Update: Mayor Muryn stated that Civitan Park will be expanded with the benching project. Benching will be cut into the bank of the Blanchard River with a two tiered bench area. The City has engaged Strand to help with the design of the area partnering with Human Nature to develop in an environmentally friendly way. Key stakeholder meetings were held and we are moving on to the awareness and exploration stage. Main goals are: to be in communication with Stantec for appropriate dirt moving; not duplicate what we already have; make river a benefit, amenity, etc. Mayor Muryn gathered feedback from the Board and key stakeholders of four concepts that Strand Associates and Human Nature created for the Civitan Park master plan project. Mayor Muryn will take the feedback on the four concepts back to Strand Associates and Human Nature to incorporate into future renderings.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Field Discussion: Mayor Muryn stated that there are several ball diamonds on the south west side of Emory Adams Park that the City leases from Remington Arms Company. This company is in the process of filing bankruptcy and has reached out to the City regarding these fields. The City is in the process of determining if it makes sense to buy the land that the fields sit on from Remington or if the City should look to another location and develop fields to replace the Remington fields.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that they are updating the humidifiers for the ice rink; schedule for ice includes Learn to Skate, drills and skills; extend fiber for better wireless signal in the Diamonds concession stand; in the process of updating the point of sale system.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel reported they will be moving the playground equipment from Civitan Park to Bernard Park or Emory Adams Park prior to a new downtown park being developed.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Launder
City Clerk